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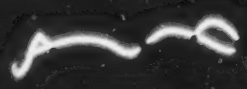

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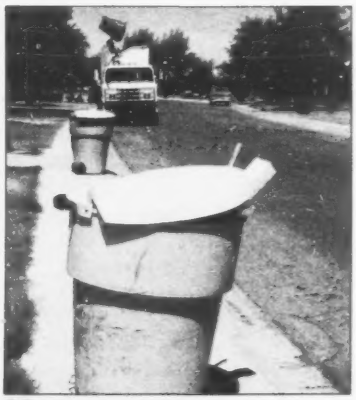

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MUNICIPAL COST INDEXES

The **Municipal Cost Index** rose 0.3 percent for the month to 331.9, due mainly to a 0.5 percent increase in the **ACC Construction Cost Index** and a 0.3 percent increase in the **Consumer Price Index**. The **Producer Price Index** rose only 0.1 percent to 311.7. Economists predict that higher interest rates will slow the nation's economy in the coming months.

Meanwhile, industrial output rose 0.4 percent, after climbing 1.1 percent the previous month, confirming that slower economic growth lies ahead.

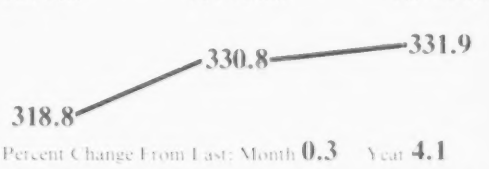
Compiled by Jeff Atkinson

THIS MONTH'S MARKETBASKET

	Current Index	Percent Change From: Last Month	Last Year
Air Conditioners	144.4	0.0	1.3
Apparel	201.2	0.4	2.4
Asphalt Roofing	396.8	0.7	4.4
Books	126.4	0.4	5.4
Chemicals, Industrial	344.8	−0.1	1.8
Coal	546.9	0.7	2.2
Concrete Products	309.6	0.3	2.8
Construction Machinery	357.8	0.1	1.6
Diesel Fuel	682.2	−1.2	4.5
Electric Components	191.2	0.3	5.7
Electric Lamps	341.7	−1.5	11.2
Electric Power	433.5	0.4	5.2
Engines, I.C.	344.7	0.5	0.3
Fans, Blowers	346.4	1.4	2.7
Fertilizers, Mixed	269.8	0.1	3.6
Floor Coverings	191.1	2.0	4.9
Flow Instruments	100.2	0.0	N/A
Footwear	251.8	0.0	1.2
Foundry Products	359.6	0.0	2.1
Fuel Oil No. 2	728.6	2.2	5.5
Furniture, Commercial	207.6	0.0	4.1
Gasoline	586.2	2.4	−0.1
Generator Sets	339.8	0.1	4.4
Glass	226.4	−1.4	−1.4
Glass Containers	361.2	0.8	2.7
Gypsum Products	360.9	2.2	30.9
Hardware	294.1	0.2	1.9
Heating Equipment	252.5	0.9	4.0
HVAC Controls	119.8	−0.4	−2.5
LP Gas	649.7	−2.0	−10.0
Lubricants	367.6	−0.8	4.3
Lumber	355.8	0.7	N/A
Metal Fabrications	310.6	0.4	2.8
Millwork	305.4	−0.7	2.1
Motor Vehicle Parts	352.9	0.2	0.1
Mowers	257.9	0.0	2.7
Natural Gas	1415.3	0.7	−1.5
Office Machines	154.4	−0.3	0.1
Paint	268.0	0.3	1.2
Paper	301.3	0.2	8.0
Passenger Cars	221.3	−0.3	1.9
Plumbing Fixtures	301.8	0.1	4.4
Plywood	235.4	−3.5	−2.4
Portland Cement	357.3	1.5	5.2
Pumps	348.3	−0.3	0.2
Residual Fuel	1142.9	2.9	15.7
Sand, Gravel	293.9	0.4	3.7
Sanitary Papers	363.5	1.2	0.5
Soaps, Detergents	264.1	−0.3	0.6
Sporting Goods	206.1	0.2	0.6
Steel Mill Products	364.9	0.2	4.3
Struc. Clay Products	285.0	0.2	2.7
Switchgear	272.7	0.4	0.0
Tires, Tubes	244.5	0.5	−0.7
Transformers	226.9	0.2	1.6
Trucks	334.7	0.1	7.0
Valves	102.0	0.0	1.3
Wire, Cable	203.0	−0.5	5.0
Wiring Devices	351.0	0.1	5.1

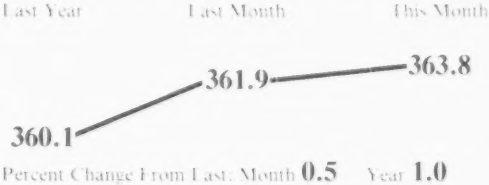
At-A-Glance Changes

ACC MUNICIPAL COST INDEX



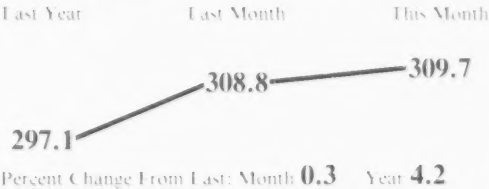
Percent Change From Last: Month **0.3** Year **4.1**

ACC CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX



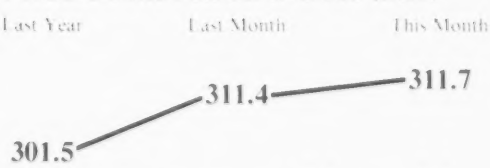
Percent Change From Last: Month **0.5** Year **1.0**

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (BLS)



Percent Change From Last: Month **0.3** Year **4.2**

PRODUCER PRICE INDEX (BLS)



Percent Change From Last: Month **0.1** Year **3.4**

QUARTERLY MUNICIPAL TRENDS

	Current Level	Percent Change From: Last Qtr.	Last Year
Receipts	500.7B	1.6	11.1
Federal Grants	89.6B	3.7	4.4
Durable Purchases	15.1B	2.7	8.6
Consumables	34.1B	0.3	10.7
Services	344.9B	2.1	7.8
Structures	41.5B	6.1	5.1
Salaries, Wages	252.3B	2.1	7.9
Surplus	58.1B	4.7	76.6
Employment	13.000M	0.3	0.1